

served on September 20, 2021 and that his deadline to file an answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint was October 12, 2021.

Although the deadline for Plaintiff to respond to the instant Motion has not yet passed, in the interest of judicial efficiency and considering Defendant's brief delay in filing his Answer, the previous extension of the period for Plaintiff to effect service, the information set forth in the Motion, and the general policy that matters should, where appropriate, be decided on their merits, the undersigned will allow the Motion and deem Defendant's answer timely filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion to Have Answer Deemed Timely (Doc. 10) is **GRANTED**, and Defendant's Answer (Doc. 9) is accepted.

Signed: October 14, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Carleton Metcalf", written over a horizontal line.

W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge

